IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION 1:17 cr 84

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Defendant.

Defendant.

Before the Court is Defendant's Motion to File Sentencing Memorandum Under Seal [# 25]. In accordance with the Local Rules, the Court has considered the Motion to Seal, the public's interest in access to such materials, and alternatives to sealing. The Court finds that no less restrictive means other than sealing is sufficient because a public filing of such sentencing materials could either reveal protected information under HIPAA or the E-Government Act, or endanger the physical wellbeing of a person who has provided a supporting letter. The Court will, however, consider any future request to unseal such materials.

Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** the Motion to File Sentencing Memorandum Under Seal [# 25]. Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum shall be **SEALED** and remain sealed until further order of this Court.

Signed: May 11, 2018

Dennis L. Howell

United States Magistrate Judge